

The December 2010 Flood

Anyone who was in San Diego the week before Christmas will remember this historic 2010 flood for quite some time. The rain, which lasted from December 17th through the 24th, dumped a prolific amount of rain on the San Diego River Watershed, an area of over 440 square miles, resulting in the flooding of the River. Roads were closed, some Mission Valley buildings evacuated, and cars were swept downstream. On December 22nd, the stream gauge at Fashion Valley, at 14.01 feet, reached its highest crest since 1980!



Flood Photos

Visit [SDRPF's Facebook page](#) to view photos from our flood photo contest – such as this winning shot by Cal Vine!

You-Tube Dramatic Flood Video

[Watch Video](#)

In case you hadn't heard it on the news or seen our dramatic flood vide (above) the cars that were pulled by the flood waters into the river at San Diego Mission Road have been removed! Thank you to the many community members who called because they care! To report stormwater pollution in the City of San Diego, contact [Think Blue San Diego](#).



History of Flooding on the River

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the long history of flooding on the San Diego River and how it is tied into natural, and beneficial, processes.



Key Locations Affected by the Flood

- **Santee East**

Chubb Lane & Cottonwood Avenue road crossing at the river washed away restricting access to the RCP Plant.

- **Santee West**

Flooding at a sewage pump station on Carlton Oaks Dr released 1.2 million gallons of sewage into the river.

- **Old Mission Dam**

SDSU's River Net Wireless Water Quality Monitoring sensor was completely submerged at the Old Mission Dam.

- **Mission Valley**

Just about every road in Mission Valley was impacted causing significant traffic. As waters receded, debris was left behind which required significant clean-up efforts.

- **Qualcomm Stadium**

A 100 ft section of the berm holding back Murray Creek failed sending water & sediment across the parking lot and into the river.